

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application. No claim amendments have been made.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. **(Previously Amended)** A method of processing at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions within an electronic document, the method comprising the steps of:

accepting input to select a continuous target information region;

accepting input to deselect at least one portion of the continuous target information region to form the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions; and

accepting input to process the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions.

2. **(Previously Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein the continuous target information region comprises text.

3. **(Previously Amended)** The method of claim 2, wherein accepting input to select the continuous target information region comprises storing locations of a first begin select delimiter located left of the continuous target information and a first end select delimiter located right of the continuous target information region.

4. **(Previously Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein accepting input to deselect at least one portion of the continuous target information region comprises storing locations of a second end select delimiter that is located between the first begin select delimiter and first end select delimiter and a second begin select delimiter that is between the second and first end select delimiters.

5. **(Previously Amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising accepting input for creating additional associated noncontiguous target information regions.
6. **(Previously Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising accepting further input to change content of the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions.
7. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic document comprises graphical information.
8. **(Previously Amended)** The method of claim 7, wherein the continuous target information region and the at least one portion of the continuous target information region that is deselected are each defined by a rectangle, each rectangle having two delimiters located at opposite corners.
9. **(Previously Amended)** A system for processing at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions within an electronic document, comprising:
- an input interface to accept input to select a continuous target information region and input to deselect at least one portion of the continuous target information region to form the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions; and
 - a processor unit connected to the input interface, the processor unit processing the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions.
10. **(Previously Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the continuous target information region comprises textual information.
11. **(Previously Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the processor unit stores a begin tag and an end tag for each of the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions.

12. **(Previously Amended)** The system of claim 9, further comprising an output interface to transmit a display that shows the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions in a different manner than the at least one deselected portion of the continuous target information region.

13. **(Previously Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the input interface accepts input from at least one of a keyboard, a speech to text converter, a mouse, a pressure pad and a trackball device.

14. **(Original)** The system of claim 9, wherein the input interface receives input for a positional indicator and the processor unit selects information when the positional indicator is moved in a first direction and deselects information when the positional indicator is moved in a second direction.

15. **(Original)** The system of claim 9, wherein the electronic document comprises graphical information.

16. **(Previously Amended)** A computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for selecting at least two associated noncontiguous information regions of an electronic document that are separated by at least one information separating region, the computer readable program code in the computer usable medium comprising:

computer readable program code for causing a computer to accept input that selects a continuous target information region;

computer readable program code for causing a computer to accept further input that selects the at least one information separating region, wherein the at least one of the information separating regions is located within the continuous target information region to form the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions; and

computer readable program code for causing a computer to process the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions.

17. **(Previously Amended)** A system for processing noncontiguous target information within an electronic document, the system comprising:

input means to accept input for selecting a continuous target information region and input for selecting at least one information separating region that divides the continuous target information region into at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions; and

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processor means for processing the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions, said processor means operatively connected to the input means.

18. **(Previously Amended)** The system of claim 17, wherein the continuous target information region contains textual information.

19. **(Previously Amended)** The system of claim 17, wherein the processor means stores a begin tag and an end tag for each of the associated noncontiguous target information regions.

20. **(Previously Amended)** The system of claim 17, further comprising display means for displaying the at least two associated noncontiguous target information regions in a different manner than the at least one information separating region.